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28. An isolated DNA molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence extending from about nucleotide 749 to about nucleotide 931 of SEQ ID NO:1.

29. A process for preparing a host cell for producing Gax protein comprising
(a) introducing the vector according to claim 7 into a host cell; and
(b) culturing the host cell of step (a) under conditions suitable to achieve expression of the DNA molecule contained in said vector.

30. A process for preparing a host cell for producing Gax protein comprising
(a) introducing the vector according to claim 8 into a host cell; and
(b) culturing the host cell of step (a) under conditions suitable to achieve expression of the DNA molecule contained in said vector.

31. A process for preparing a host cell for producing Gax protein comprising
(a) introducing the vector according to claim 9 into a host cell; and
(b) culturing the host cell of step (a) under conditions suitable to achieve expression of the DNA molecule contained in said vector.

REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 5,856,121 ("the '121' patent" hereafter) issued on January 5, 1999, with claims 1-27. Because two years have not elapsed since the patent issued, a broadening reissue is available. Through error, without any deceptive intent, the patentees claimed less than they had a right to claim in the '121 patent. Accordingly, a reissue application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251. This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with the reissue application.

The correction to the title reflects the change made by the Certificate of Correction dated August 17, 1999.